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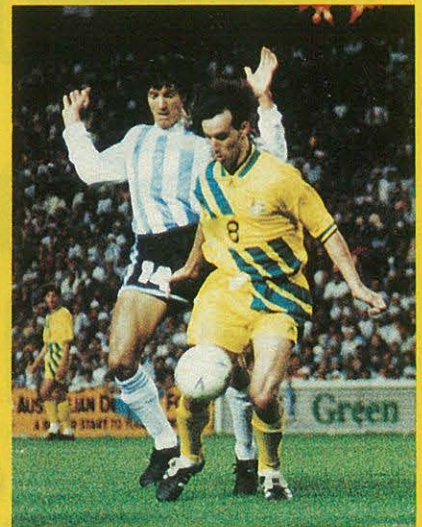
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DIEGO MARADONA MEETS RAFTY AND RASIC

**Great
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The world feats of the great Diego Maradona are well documented as are the feats of World renowned artist, Australia's very own, Tony Rafty.

Last week at Argentina's hotel in Coogee, Sydney, these two great "artists" met along with

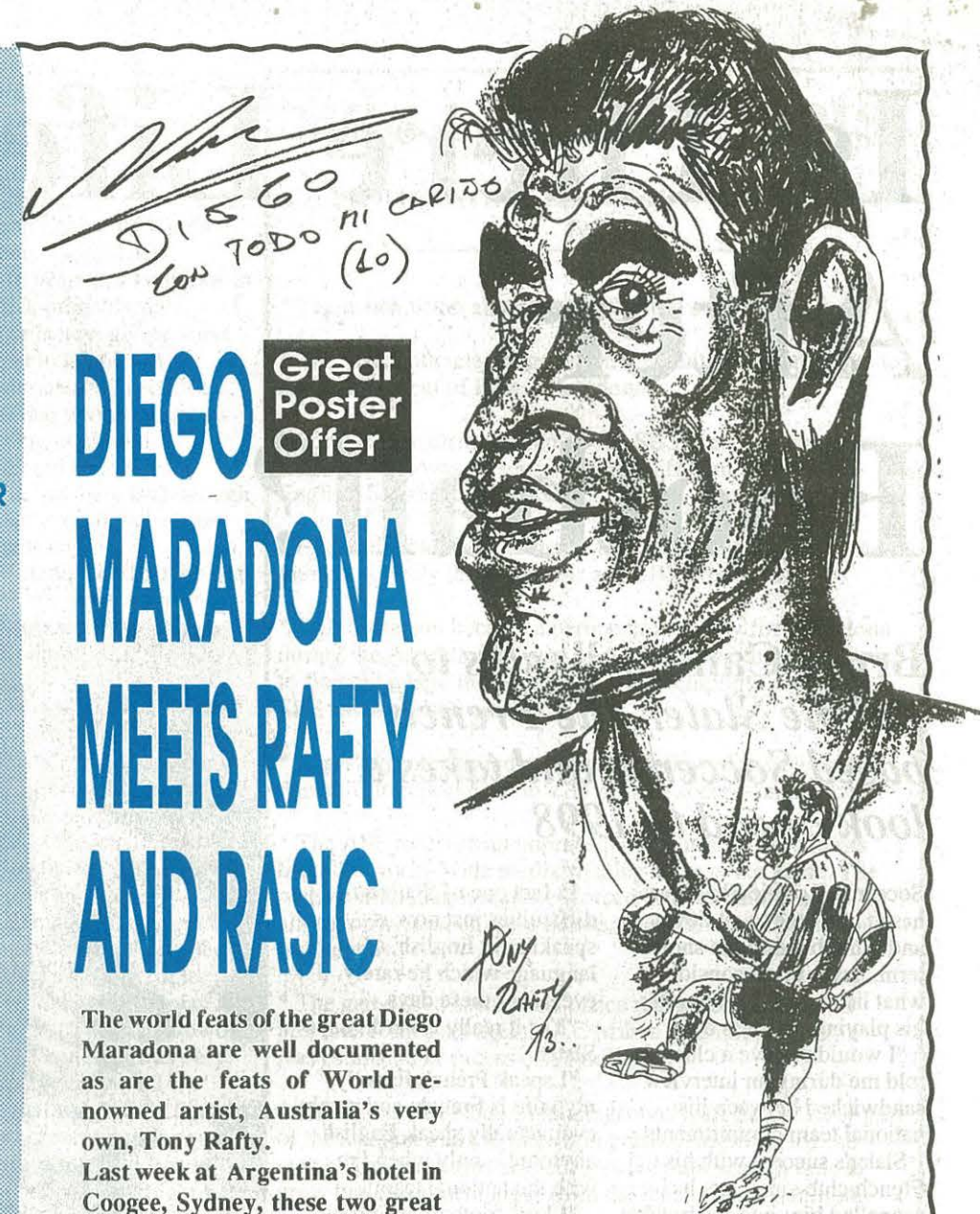
Australia's only coach to steer our Socceroos to a World Cup Final, Rale Rasic.

During their one hour meeting, Maradona spoke freely about his career, past present and how he sees his future. While, though an interpreter, Maradona talked Football with Rale Rasic, the man who is recognised as the greatest character artist in the world, Tony Rafty studied Diego Maradona, every bit of his character, all the emotions he showed while talking about what he loves most, Football, then put it all on paper so "Simply Soccer" could present this unique and exclusive drawing of the great man.

Tony Rafty has allowed us to sell 100 reproductions of this exclusive art work in poster size, autographed by Maradona and himself, exclusively numbered and mailed back to you at \$20 each.

All proceeds will be forwarded to the N.S.W. Soccer Federation, which was requested by both Tony Rafty and Diego Maradona, for the development of Junior Soccer players in NSW, Australia.

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Is There Life After Football?

Bruce Campbell talks to Robbie Slater, the French based Socceroo and takes a look ahead to 1998

Socceroo Robbie Slater just hasn't had time to sit down and think beyond the short term, never mind consider what life holds for him after his playing career is over.

"I wouldn't have a clue," he told me during an interview sandwiched between his national team commitments.

Slater's success with his French club side Lens has propelled him into the bracket of top money earning Australian sportsmen.

It's something that doesn't come easily, but at the same time when that sort of success arrives it's something that nobody wants to give up.

It comes as no surprise then that the former Sydney United player isn't looking beyond the next ninety minutes on the football field.

In fact one of Slater's real difficulties just now is speaking in English, a language which he rarely, if ever, uses these days.

"Yes it really is hard," says Slater.

"I speak French fluently, my wife is French, so I rarely ever actually speak English anymore - only when I'm with the national team!

"I love football in Europe, and I'll play there until the end of my career."

Robbie Slater has been away from the CCSL for so long now that he finds any comparisons between our league and the French league very difficult, if not impossible.

But the flame haired superstar does rate French League football very highly,

putting it right up there alongside the big boys of European football.

"I'd say it is the equal of the Spanish and English Leagues," says Slater whose own club holds down a respectable mid-table spot in the French First Division.

"Look at Marseille, even although they got kicked out of Europe they were still a great team last season.

"Paris St Germain and Auxerre also both made European semi-finals.

"The Italian League is number one, but then there is France, Spain and England - in no particular order.



"I'll be honest I was very disappointed with the crowds for the games against Canada and New Zealand - it's hard to come back from Europe to that kind of situation"

"In French football you always have to be thinking ahead, thinking about what to do with the ball when you get it.

"But I'd imagine that is the exact same in the CCSL too. "In football anywhere you must be thinking ahead all the time."

Slater's contract is up for renewal at the end of next season although Lens have offered him a new deal.

That has given him food for thought.

"I really don't know, I might stay with Lens or I might move on.

"I am very happy in France and I like the way of life.

"I've been there for four years now so I've settled down very well.

"But my English is suffering," laughs Slater who now speaks his native tongue with a distinct, if slight, French accent.

However, if Slater is not considering his club future at this stage then he is very definitely looking forward to future caps with Australia.

The next World Cup is to be played in France - his home away from home - and Slater has his target set on 1998.

"I'll only be 32 then, and I don't think that is too old.

"I would love to be playing for Australia then, and although we'll just have to wait and see I, don't think I will have any problems.

Should Slater sign the five year contract that is on offer with Lens that will see him in French football until the next World Cup.

"I don't know if I'll sign that one," said Slater.

"Five years is a long time in football, probably not."

Slater is now giving some thought to taking out a French coaching certificate, something which he admits to having neglected.

"I should have already done it, but there isn't enough time for everything - I just love playing."

The media build up for last weekend's game against Argentina delighted the French based Coca-Cola Socceroo.

"But it should have really," said Slater.

"After all, they don't come much bigger than that.

"The game against Canada, or at least the smallness of the crowd, was very disappointing.

"But the game against New Zealand was a real disaster.

"It's very hard to come back from Europe to play in front of such a small crowd.

"I'll be honest, I was very disappointed by it all."

But that won't deter Slater from representing his country at the highest level, a man whose only thoughts about his footballing future are to pull on the Green and Gold of Australia until 1998 - at least.

Looking For A Club

Former Scunthorpe United (England) player Paul McCullagh is looking for an Australian club. The 19-year-old spent three and a half years on the full time books of the Humberside club and has now arrived in Australia.

McCullagh is also a cricketer and has played for Humberside.

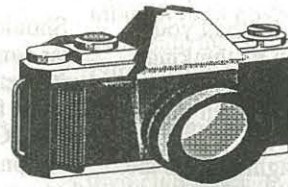
Any club wishing to speak to the young Englishman can do so through Steve Darby at the Australian Soccer Federation on (02) 597 6611.

Side Line Snippets

(Facts and Figures from the Australia v Argentina clash)

- * The match ticket allocation sold out in a record three days.
- * The match attracted huge world wide interest largely due to the involvement of Diego Maradona.
- * Some 26 countries picked up the SBS broadcast including USA where it was screened in three different languages - English, Spanish and Latino.
- * SBS estimated their audience at a staggering 200 million viewers - easily the record for any SBS production.
- * Kyle Patterson became a permanent shadow for Maradona during the Argentinian's stay in Australia and the easiest way to find out where the Argies were was simply to phone the SBS man's mobile number.
- * Eight Argentinian radio networks followed their team to Australia to report back to a 33 million soccer-mad nation.
- * The ASF received an unprecedented number of requests from the world-wide media wishing to be at the game. The rush on limited media places forced the ASF into a new allocation system of press tickets, used for the very first time last Sunday.
- * The game set a soccer box office record, surpassing the previous record set against AC Milan. Total ticket revenue was estimated in excess of \$1 million.
- * The Sydney Football Stadium ground staff had to relay part of the stadium's turf to have it in perfect condition for the match. The grass was also cut specially allowing it time to grow but also protecting it from the harsh spring sunlight.
- * The game also set a new record for pies, hot-dogs and soft drinks sold at a soccer game.
- * Australia actually out-gunned Argentina with the amount of overseas based players in their squad - nine as opposed to Argentina's eight.
- * Aussie swim coach Lennie Lawrence was drafted in to give the Coca-Cola Socceroos a special pre-game motivational speech. Lawrence's talk was based on a Man From Snowy River theme and drew huge acclamation from everyone present at the luncheon.
- * The Australian party stayed at Sydney's Novotel on Brighton-Le-Sands while the Argentine party was based at the Holiday Inn just along the coast at Coogee.
- * Graham Arnold and Paul Wade (plus the suspended Frank Farina) were the only survivors from Australia's 1988 Gold Cup clash with Argentina. Keeping goals for Argentina in that 4-1 thrashing by the Socceroos was Luis Islas, reserve keeper in last Sunday's clash.

BIG MATCH ACTION



AUSTRALIA 1 A Vidmar
 ARGENTINA 1 Balbo
 Sydney Football Stadium
 Sunday 31st October, 1993

AUSTRALIA:	ARGENTINA:
Bosnich	Goycochea
Zelic	Batistuta
Van Blerk	Balbo - sub Careres
Tobin	Basualdo - sub Zapata
Durakovic	Borelli
Slater	Chamot
Wade	MacAllister
Ivanovic	Maradona
A Vidmar	Perez
Arnold	Redondo
T Vidmar - sub Mitchell	Vazquez

Referee: S Puhl (Hungary)
 Linesmen: L Varga, S Marton (Hungary)



AUSSIE YOUTH IS THE WINNER

The thing that really is so exciting about Australian soccer at the very moment is the amount of young talent bursting through the ranks. Sitting proud at the top of the CCSL - even if it is only after two rounds - is Sydney United, a team built on youth last season out of necessity and now being developed as one out of choice.

Manfred's Babes, as they are fast becoming known, are one of the most exciting teams in the country. They are jam packed full of potential stars, and there is little doubt that when Australia takes the road to France for the 1998 World Cup, the Crows will be supplying quite a few players.

In successive weeks Sydney United have defeated South Melbourne and Marconi, last season's Premiers and Champions respectively. That is no mean feat and should be recognised as such. Whether they remain on top of their perch all the way through the season is irrelevant, they have demonstrated that there is a rich vein of talent running through our soccer, and one which can be exploited if the time and trouble is taken to nurture it.

For this very reason a new trophy will shortly be unveiled - the Australian Player of the Month. It is designed to encourage the very best of our players, designed to reward players of outstanding ability in the hope that this recognition can further aid their progress.

Watch out in *Simply Soccer* for exclusive coverage of the October award, it is set to be one of the most prestigious awards on a calendar which is fast becoming as rich as the talent which surrounds it.

The Coca-Cola Socceroos have also dazzled us with their achievements and whatever the aggregate outcome of their return leg clash with Argentina, Maradona et al, they have won a place in the hearts of the Australian sporting public.

The press coverage given to the Aussies in most major daily papers was absolutely outstanding, the television news coverage from all channels was equally impressive. Sadly, a couple of publications gave more coverage of the Argentinians than our own team, betraying that inferiority sporting complex which has been all but shaken off in recent years.

The excitement surrounding the Argentina clash also showed the doubters for once and all that the mainstream media will give soccer a fair go, if the product is right.

What we have to ensure now is that our administrators continue to bring the top teams to these shores, whether it be in the form of friendly challenge (if such a thing really exists in this day and age) or international tournament. The World Cup provides an unprecedented opportunity for the sport to show off its finest aspects and once again the game, through the magnificent behaviour on and off the field of the Coca-Cola Socceroos, has taken a positive step forward.

No-one expected Australia to even grace the same park as the mighty Argentina let alone compete on a serious level. For the Argentinians to show Australia so much respect is a sign that we have arrived.

And make no mistake, the Argies didn't come to Sydney two weeks before the game so they could pick up a sun-tan, their training regime shows that they are desperate to qualify for the World Cup finals.

We are not minnows anymore. Australia must be taken seriously by the major soccer powers.

Scotland afforded us that respect, so did Argentina. Now, the great news is that FIFA has also accepted our improved status by altering our qualification path.

And there are dozens of young guns in the CCSL who are living every breath with the Australian national team - ready to step into any vacant boots in the next World Cup campaign.



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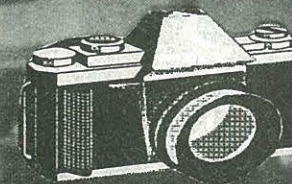
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Oceania Qualifying Series (* = scorers)

11 September 1992

Solomon Islands 1 Australia 2

AUSTRALIA: Zabica, Marth, Durakovic, Ivanovic, Tobin, Mori (I Gray 78), Tapai, Wade, Petersen, Veart*, G Brown (McCulloch 56)*.

14 September 1992

Tahiti 0 Australia 3

AUSTRALIA: Zabica, Marth, Durakovic, Ivanovic, Tobin, Mori*, Tapai, Wade*, Petersen, Veart*, Edwards (Hasler 80).

20 September 1992 (Brisbane)

Australia 2 Tahiti 0

AUSTRALIA: Zabica, Gray, Marth, Ivanovic, Tobin, Mori, Durakovic*, Wade, Petersen (Sent Off 48), Veart* (G Brown 77), Edwards.

25 September 1992 (Newcastle)

Australia 6 Solomon Islands 1

AUSTRALIA: Franken, Stewart, Edwards, Ivanovic, Tobin, Mori (Durakovic* 88), Gray*, Wade*, Genc*, Hasler (Veart* 83), G Brown*.



Oceania Final

30 May 1993

New Zealand 0 Australia 1

AUSTRALIA: Bosnich, Longo, Zelic, Tobin, Wade, Farina (Veart 27), Arnold*, Van Blerk, Slater, Durakovic, Milosevic (Polak 70).

6 June 1993 (Melbourne)

Australia 3 New Zealand 0

AUSTRALIA: Bosnich, Longo, Zelic*, Tobin, A Vidmar*, Veart* (Trimboli 65), Arnold, Van Blerk, Slater, Durakovic, Polak.

CONCACAF PLAY-OFF

31 July 1993

Canada 2 Australia 1

AUSTRALIA: Zabica (Sent Off 16), Blagojevic (Schwarzer 16), Durakovic, Zelic*, Tobin, Van Blerk, A Vidmar (Polak 67), Farina, Slater, Okon, Arnold.

15 August 1993 (Sydney)

Australia 2 Canada 1 (Australia won in a penalty shoot-out after extra time)

AUSTRALIA: Schwarzer, T Vidmar, Van Blerk, Ivanovic, Durakovic*, Tobin, Zelic (Wade), Slater, Farina* (Mitchell), A Vidmar, Arnold.



Today's Hero – Tomorrow's Villain



KALAC: losing – it's all good experience

"That's the way it goes," said Sydney United goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac, commenting on his team's loss to Parramatta Eagles in the League Cup final.

"But I suppose you have to lose one before you win one, it's all good experience."

Kalac has obviously got an early season eye on the big one, the CCSL Grand Final – even with just one game played in the league season.

It is that sort of competitive spirit, plus the brilliant early form that Kalac has shown, which is giving Crows coach Manfred Schaefer a headache.

"Really, I have got two goalkeepers who should be starting in the CCSL," said Schaefer.

"Both Tony Franken and Zeljko Kalac are first class keepers and are just too good to be taking turns sitting on the bench.

"We are the strongest club in the league when it comes to keepers, but that also causes me a problem."

Schaefer had originally planned to start each keeper turn about but that plan was thrown out of the window when Franken collected a knock on the thigh before the League Cup semi final.

But as all keepers know, today's hero is tomorrow's villain and the Sydney United faithful are just happy to know that they have two Coca-Cola Socceroos fighting it out for their number one shirt.

When The Whistle Blows

with
Alan Gordon

Isn't this one of the busiest starts to a CCSL season that you can remember? There is just so much happening now that it is hard to take it all in; maybe what we need is an early season break to recover from all the bombardment of football!

In pre-season Adelaide had the Ampol Cup, Sydney had the Multiquip Cup while Melbourne had the Dockerty Cup, then there was one of the best League Cups ever (even if the final wasn't much of a footballing spectacle), and then last Sunday the big World Cup showdown.

Spread all around that there was a myriad of press conferences, lunches, photo shoots and personal interviews. And each one brought its own piece of sensational news, there was a tasty morsel every single time.

All up, it added to one of the most hectic six week periods I have ever known in Aussie soccer – and the season has only just begun!

Unfortunately the League season is going to be dis-rupted until the second leg of the Australia v Argentina clash, but then it's full steam ahead until January/February when there is the likelihood of another break for international football.

Who said Australian football is dull?

I don't think the full implications of John Constantine's release on Asian football have really sunk in for the majority of fans.

But consider this; international club competition will take its place on the calendar along with regular international competition between Australia and its Asian neighbours *plus* the increased chance of World Cup qualification that Asian participation gives us.

That will see Australia soccer boom as it never has before.

What we are going through now is a period when the realisation of dreams is becoming reality, a period when we are beginning to reap the rewards of the seeds sown over the last decade.

Don't let anyone fool you into thinking that this progress has come easily, it hasn't. It is the end result of a ten year period in which Australia has performed consistently well at international level in all four age areas.

Now we are seen as the big gun in this part of the world.

So sit back and enjoy the good times – this is just a taster of what is to come. Boy, when the good times roll, they will really roll!

A Team of Surprises

They are the youngest side in the league with an average age of 22. Yet, Sydney United look likely to cause quite a few surprises on their way to achieving their target of a play-off place in the CCSL finals.

"They certainly surprised me," said South Melbourne coach Jim Pyrgolios whose side was on the end of a 1-0 loss in the opening round of the CCSL.

"They have a very young side but they run a lot.

"They have also played very consistently for the last three or four games.

"I expect them to be one of the top three or four sides this year."

That thought is echoed by United star Manis Lamond

Scahefer's Babes show signs of growing up at last and throwing off that 'so nearly' tag.

Mike Komadina and John White report for Simply Soccer

who has fought his way back from an injury that might have ended his career.

"The future looks really bright for Sydney United," said Lamond, the former Canberra Arrow.

"The club has a great development scheme."

Lamond is quick to play down the talk that his last-season injury saw the club go on the slide which took it out of the Top Six.

"I don't really think so

"Maybe there was some sort of mental reaction because it was a training ground accident rather than anything which happened, but we had a squad of eighteen players.

"But I think it was more a case of bad luck combined with poor form."

If Sydney United do go on to greater glories this season – and their cup form showed that they certainly have the capabilities – then maybe one of the chief factors will be their new-found ability to come back during a game.

"Normally we get punished

when we aren't playing well," explains the Crows head honcho, Manfred Schaefer.

"But against South Melbourne that didn't happen. "Maybe a 1-1 draw would have been a fair result, but the boys really fought for their three points."

That could be the turning point in the building of a side which has to shake of its 'Manfreds Babes' tag sooner or later.

"The real positive thing to come out of all the ten or so games that we have played this season is that at last we have a side which doesn't give up, a side which will play for the full ninety minutes.

"We have started to play like a unit which will play for the full ninety minutes.

"If there is only ten minutes to go, then we will keep on playing, we don't throw the towel in any more.

Schaefer is the first to concede that his side has a way to go towards maturity but many at Edensor Park are starting to wear that look of content, content that their side IS growing up.

And when it does, when the young guns of Sydney United finally fire with all barrels, then there is a feeling that someone is going to cop it, and cop it big.



ENIGMATIC: Manis Lamond has finally shaken off the injury which wrecked his season last year and threatened to end his career

ZELIC SENSATION

a Ned Zelic exclusive interview with Bruce Campbell

Ned Zelic is the Aussie kid who grew up quickly, the boy from the back blocks of Canberra who was catapulted into international stardom after a sensational goal against Holland in the Olympics in 1992.

If at one time it seemed that no-one wanted Zelic, now his name is on the lips of every scout and manager in Europe.

Earlier this year I broke a story that Zelic was a target for Italian giant, Torino, now it seems that the tall sweeper with the graceful loping stride is ready to move into the BIG time of Europe, with a possible move to Spain or Italy looking very much on the cards.

But it is ironic to think that just three years ago no-one wanted to know.

At that time he clearly didn't fit in to the plans of Vedran Rozic's Sydney United team and even when Ron Corry took over the reigns at Edensor Park, Zelic still wasn't wanted.

So little did Sydney United value the former Canberra boy that they offered him back to his old club for a knockdown \$800 fee – but Canberra Deakin didn't want to pay that either!

Now, Zelic is enjoying life in the fast lane with Borussia Dortmund, one of the richest clubs in the German Bundesliga.

"Borussia are struggling just now," admits Zelic of his club's less than spectacular start to the season.

"There are a few new players in the side, and they will take a time to settle down.

"It's also much harder for the team as a whole this season.

"We had such a good time last season that now everyone who plays us wants to beat Borussia Dortmund.

Zelic has also learnt enough German to be able to read the bad press that Borussia cops when it loses.

"I suppose that the club spent so much on players during the off season that everyone expects us to win all the time.

"When we don't win, we cop a real thrashing in the press.

"We didn't feel any pressure at all last time because we were doing so well but now the players are all starting to feel it.

Ned Zelic has also come to terms with life in Germany, after the initial settling in novelty and the homesick blues wore off.

"Yes, life is good. I really am enjoying it all.

"I'm not going to answer that one – not while you've got a tape recorder on," laughed Zelic when I asked him to compare Dortmund with Canberra and the capitals' one and only night spot of note, the Private Bin.

"No, definitely no comment!"

But despite the frivolity of answers to 'local' jokes between Canberra boys, Zelic

Ned Zelic talks about the possibilities of a move at the end of this season – and then names his favourite club ...



is very serious about his soccer career.

So serious in fact, that even at this stage he looks to eventual retirement.

Zelic pursues thoughts about a career in the sports media when it is all over, with a leaning towards television presentation as his ultimate ambition.

But with still a year and a half of his current club contract to run he is giving serious thoughts to his immediate future also.

"I'll have to think at my situation at the end of this season," admits Ned.

"I have been thinking about my contract a lot.

"Just because I have a three year contract with Borussia, doesn't mean that I'll be there for three years."

That statement will start all sorts of speculation about a

possible move for the ex Sydney United and Sydney Olympic player.

"A lot will depend on how I feel at Borussia at the end of the season.

"If I'm still enjoying it there then I might stay on."

Zelic has no regrets about turning down chances to join English clubs, Leeds United and Liverpool.

And the Aussie superstar also declines to be drawn into the wherabouts of any possible move should he decide to leave Borussia.

But Zelic did leave this Canberra-based journalist with a home town tip.

"If there is one club which above all else I really do enjoy watching it would have to be Barcelona – they're just great to watch."

Remember, you read it first in *Simply Soccer*.

ROUND 2

Newcastle BHP Breakers 3 (Spink (2), Lowe)
Sydney Olympic 2 (Trajanovski, Ironside)

Morwell Falcons 0
Brisbane Strikers 0

Marconi Fairfield 2 (Harper, Taliadoros)
Sydney United 3 (Milicic, Lamond, Gibson)

Melbourne Brunswick United 1 (Zinni)
Wollongong City Wolves 1 (Ollerenshaw)

Parramatta Eagles 1 (Gomez)
Melbourne Knights 1

South Melbourne v West Adelaide
Adelaide City v Heidelberg United
both postponed due to players involved in national team commitments



Coca-Cola Soccer League Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SYDNEY UNITED	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
WOLLONGONG CITY	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
WEST ADELAIDE	1	1	0	0	5	0	3 ##
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
NEWCASTLE B.H.P.	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
PARRAMATTA EAGLES	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
BRISBANE STRIKERS	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
HEIDELBERG UNITED	1	0	1	0	2	2	1 ##
MARCONI FAIRFIELD	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
MORWELL FALCONS	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
MELBOURNE BUSC	2	0	1	1	1	6	1
SOUTH MELBOURNE	1	0	0	1	0	1	0 ##
ADELAIDE CITY	1	0	0	1	0	2	0 ##

MATCHES IN HAND

Leading CCSL Scorers

3 Spink (Newcastle)
2 Blair (West Adelaide)
2 Gibson (Sydney United)
2 Ollerenshaw (Wollongong)
2 McFadden (Wollongong Wolves)
2 Obradovic (Heidelberg United)
1 Cerro (West Adelaide)
1 Corica (Marconi-Fairfield)
1 Gomez (Parramatta Eagles)
1 Harper (Marconi)
1 Ironside (Sydney Olympic)
1 Kelic (Sydney Olympic)
1 Lamond (Sydney United)
1 Lazaridis (West Adelaide)
1 Lees, Andrew (Brisbane Strikers)
1 Lowe (Newcastle)
1 Markovski (Morwell Falcons)
1 Marth (Melbourne Knights)
1 Milicic (Sydney United)
1 Milosevic (Sydney Olympic)
1 Soper (Parramatta Eagles)
1 Taliadoros (Marconi)
1 Trajanovski (Sydney Olympic)
1 Vatsilas (West Adelaide)
1 Viduka (Melbourne Knights)
1 Zinni (Melbourne Brunswick)

Sid Hits The Front

It's maybe ironic that the leading goalscorer after the first two rounds of the CCSL is Newcastle Breaker 'Sid' Spink. Spink was the subject of an out campaign at the Breakers during the off-season and at one stage it looked as though the strife-torn club was going to off-load one of its best playing assets in order to reduce a crippling debt. Spink, the former Preston and Socceroo striker, started the season with a career strike rate of 38.79%. Already his seasonal rate is 150% which is terrific early season form. "There is no doubt about it," said one of the Breakers players. "We need someone like Warren to find the back of the net. "I doubt very much if we had a hope in hell of survival in the CCSL without him and all that talk of him going was just crazy. "If we do manage to beat the drop a lot of people will have egg on their faces - and it could well be down to Warren Spink's goalscoring touch."

Coca-Cola SOCCER LEAGUE - Round 3

WOLLONGONG CITY v MORWELL FALCONS

Brandon Park, Wollongong - Friday November 5, 1993



FIRST GRADE 7.30 pm.

TEAM COLOURS
RED SHIRT
WHITE SHORTS
RED SOCKS

COACH : DAVID RATCLIFFE

BRETT HUGHES - 1
TOM BAZDARIC - 2
MIKE O'SHEA - 3
CHARLIE YANKOS - 4
MARTIN BOURKE - 5
MATT HORSLEY - 6
PAUL MCFADDEN - 7
SASHO DIMOSKI - 8
DALE WHITE - 9
RICHARD LLOYD - 10
SCOTT OLLERENSHAW - 11
ANTHONY SURJAN - 12
DAVID THOMAS - 13
DONAL O'BRIEN - 14
IAN MORRIS - 15
STUART McLARREN - 16
PEDRO RICOY - 17
STEVEN FORESHAW - 18
MARK TROTH - 19
JOHN KRAJNOVIC - 20

TEAM COLOURS
WHITE SHIRT
WHITE SHORTS
WHITE SOCKS

COACH : BOBBY McLACHLAN

1 - STEVE MAUTONE
2 - GARY UPTON
3 - CARLO CANOSA
4 - STEVEN DOUGLAS
5 - SHAUN PARTON
6 - PAUL DONNELLY
7 - SONNY SEVIN
8 - JOHN WADDELL
9 - BRIAN BOTHWELL
10 - JOHN MARKOVSKI
11 - LACHLAN ARMSTONG
12 - ANTHONY CASSAR
13 - JOE GAGETTI
14 - VASCO TRPCEVSKI
15 - MARCUS STERGIOPOULOS
16 - JUSTIN GERI
17 - CARLO VILLANI
18 - AHMET GURPINER
19 - GEORGE HANNAH
20 - JASON DASTEY



WOLLONGONG CITY v MORWELL FALCONS

GAME STATISTICS (premiership matches only)

CCSL CAREER RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Wollongong City:	320	105	90	125	385	459
Morwell Falcons:	28	7	8	13	30	45
Wollongong HOME RECORD:	159	65	47	47	226	200
Morwell AWAY RECORD:	14	2	3	9	9	26

HEAD TO HEAD: Played 2, Wollongong 0, Morwell 0, Drawn 2

FORM GUIDE: Wollongong again showed their inconsistent away form, when held to a 1-1 by Melbourne Brunswick. Brunswick, beaten 5-0 by West Adelaide in Round 1 were considered to be an easy three points for the Wolves but after taking an early lead relaxed and Brunswick fully deserved the point they achieved. Morwell picked up their first point of the season with their home draw against Brisbane but were not very convincing. The Wolves only home game this season saw them comprehensively defeat Newcastle Breakers 3-1, so Morwell will have there work cut out for them to get a result. Morwell however did achieve a result at Brandon Park last season with a 1-1 draw. Wolves coach David Ratcliffe has been pleased with the form of new striker Scott Ollerenshaw whose scored in the opening two games.

SCENARIO: Wollongong are terrible hard to beat at home and usually turn on the style in front of their home fans. Have a good all-round side with a particularly strong defence lead by former Socceroo captain Charlie Yankos. Morwell will welcome back Olyroo John Markovski from suspension. His power and aggression up front will badly needed if they are to cause any problems. Bobby McLachlan's biggest problem is to find the right balance in his team and that could take a few more weeks yet. Wollongong should have too many guns for the Falcons and will continue on their unbeaten way.



LAST WEEKEND'S RESULTS

YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS
NORTHERN DIVISION
ROUND 2 - WEEK ENDING 30 OCTOBER, 1993
NEWCASTLE BHP 1 Zane (89) v SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 Cardozo (81)
ACT ACADEMY 2 Pietrukowski (25), Conlon (78) v MARCONI ACADEMY 2 Bozevski (20), Harris (83)
PARRAMATTA EAGLES 0 PARRAMATTA COLTS 1 Lester (44)
SYDNEY OLYMPIC COLTS 0 v A.I.S. 4 Enes (30 pen), Skoko (55), A. Moore (63) McLaren (74)
MARCONI FAIRFIELD 1 Angelucci (48) v Sydney United 0
WOLLONGONG CITY - BYE
QUEENSLAND ACADEMY - BYE
SOUTHERN DIVISION
SOUTH MELBOURNE v BULLEEN - POSTPONED
SUNSHINE G C 0 v MELBOURNE KNIGHTS 4 Coveney (13,43,46), Buljubasic (90)
MELBOURNE BUSC 2 Maisano (32), Razzi (45) v ALBION 0
DONCASTER ROVERS 0 v SPRINGVALE CITY 3 Varga (9), Spina (39) Grella (54)
ALTONA GATE 1 Atanasovski (30) v HEIDELBERG UNITED 5 Vlahos (3), Curciza (13,21),og (35) Polykanditis (39)
VIS 4 Nasteovski (4), Tricarico (21, 55), Lozarevski (60) v NORTH GEELONG 1 Trudovic (62)
MORWELL FALCONS 4 Geri (40), Lapenta (65), Nilo (70, 73) v PRESTON 4 Nedanoski (12) Illieski (34), Chiodo (75), Cuculevski (84)
COCA COLA SOCCER LEAGUE RESULTS
WEEK 2
WEEK ENDING 30 OCTOBER, 1993
Friday 29 October, 1993
NEWCASTLE BHP 3 Spink (44, 59) Lowe (64) v SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 Trajanovski (71), Ironside (80)
Saturday 30 October, 1993
MARCONI FAIRFIELD 2 Harper (7), Gray (87) v SYDNEY UNITED 3 Milicic (48,74), Lamond (60)
MORWELL FALCONS 0 v BRISBANE STRIKERS 0
MELBOURNE BUSC 1 Zinni (44) v WOLLONGONG CITY 1 Ollershaw (14)
PARRAMATTA EAGLES 1 Gomez (42) v MELBOURNE KNIGHTS 1 Silic (10)

This Weekends YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 3

YOUTH LEAGUE (NORTHERN DIVISION)

Saturday 6 November, 1993

QUEENSLAND ACADEMY v SYDNEY OLYMPIC (Perry Park 5.00pm)

MARCONI FAIRFIELD v NEWCASTLE BHP (Marconi Stadium 5.30pm)

Sunday 7th November, 1993

PARRAMATTA COLTS v MARCONI FAIRFIELD (Melita Stadium 5.00 pm)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v PARRAMATTA EAGLES (Leichhardt Oval 4.30pm)

SYDNEY UNITED v A.I.S. - Postponed

A.C.T. ACADEMY - BYE

WOLLONGONG CITY - BYE

YOUTH LEAGUE (SOUTHERN DIVISION)

Saturday 6 November, 1993

SPRINGVALE CITY v SUNSHINE GC (Waratah Reserve 4.00pm)

Sunday 7 November, 1993

SOUTH MELBOURNE v MELBOURNE BUSC (Middle Park 3.45pm)

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS v V.I.S. (Croatian Sports Centre 3.45pm)

PRESTON v ALTONA GATE (Connor Reserve 4.00pm)

ALBION v MORWELL FALCONS (Selwyn Park 4.00pm)

BULLEEN v DONCASTER (Veneto Social Club 4.00pm)

NORTH GEELONG v HEIDELBERG UNITED (Elcho Park 4.00pm)

Coca - Cola Soccer League. ROUND 4

Wednesday 10 November, 1993

MORWELL FALCONS v WEST ADELAIDE (Morwell Falcons Park 7.00pm)

MARCONI FAIRFIELD v BRISBANE STRIKERS (Marconi Stadium 7.30pm)

MELBOURNE BUSC v SYDNEY UNITED (Western Oval 5.45pm)

PARRAMATTA EAGLES v WOLLONGONG CITY (Melita Stadium 7.30pm)

HEIDELBERG UNITED v MELBOURNE KNIGHTS (Olympic Village 5.45pm)

POWER PLAYS

Hi, I'm ROBERT WHEATLEY and WELCOME to POWER PLAYS a weekly series designed to highlight the techniques of the game. We'll also take a look at the skills of various positions in the game and take you into the world of a professional soccer player.

For a young player to do well in the game at a later stage it is vital for good foundations to be laid early on.

The ideal stage to master and practice the key techniques is between the ages of 9-13 years.

The coach should never lose sight of this fact.

I hope you enjoy the series and that players, coaches and those still to be converted to this great game of ours will derive much benefit from it.

INSIDE OF FOOT PASSING

1. To kick with the inside of the foot, firstly, glance at the target as the ball approaches.
2. Approach the ball keeping the head well down.

3. Step in, placing the standing foot beside the ball with the toe pointed at the intended target and knee bent.

4. The kicking foot is turned out at right angles and should strike the ball in the centre. Continue with a short follow through in the direction of the intended target, finishing with the foot off the ground.

Exercise 5
Playing using the inside of the foot shooting at a medicine ball or similar targets

The basic principles of passing the ball with the inside of the foot are practised for the most part with a partner. While playing and receiving the ball, timing and accuracy of the pass are also trained apart from just the technique

Exercise 1
Playing using the inside of the foot and with stops

Exercise 2
Playing using the inside of the foot through a precision goal and with stops. Later without stopping

Exercise 3
Passing the ball. Playing directly using the inside of the foot and without stopping

Exercise 4
Playing using the inside of the foot. Variation in distance.

Coca-Cola SOCCER LEAGUE - Round 3

SYDNEY UNITED v HEIDELBERG UNITED

Croatian Sports Centre, Sydney - Sunday November 7, 1993

FIRST GRADE 6.30 pm.

TEAM COLOURS
RED SHIRT
WHITE SHORTS
BLUE SOCKS

COACH : MANFRED SCHAEFER

TEAM COLOURS
YELLOW SHIRT
BLACK SHORTS
YELLOW SOCKS

COACH : DRAGAN SEKULARAC

ZELJKO KALAC - 1	1 - MICHAEL CHATZITRIFONOS
ROBERT STANTON - 2	2 - GARY BRATTAN
VELIMIR KUPRESAK - 3	3 - ALAN SCOTT
TONY POPOVIC - 4	4 - DOUG HODGSON
MARK BABIC - 5	5 - JOE PALATSIDES
TOM MILICEVIC - 6	6 - GORAN NEGIC
IVAN PETKOVIC - 7	7 - BRIAN MACNICOL
TONY KRSLOVIC - 8	8 - PHILIP STUBBINS
ERIC HRISTODOULOU - 9	9 - DANNY GNJIDIC
JOHN GIBSON - 10	10 - MICHAEL MIHALAKOPOVLOS
DAVID ZDRILIC - 11	11 - NEMAJA OBRADOVIC
ANTE MORIC - 12	12 - ROMAN NIKOLIC
KLAUSE OKON - 13	13 - PETER TIKTIKAKIS
MARIO JERMEN - 14	14 - GEORGE GEORGIADIS
ANTE MILICIC - 15	15 - ANDREW VLAHOS
MANIS LAMOND - 16	16 - MIKE PANOPOULOS
ANTE ZIZIC - 17	17 - TOM KARAPATSOS
MATTHEW ZEC - 18	18 -
MIRKO JURILJ - 19	19 -
TONY FRANKEN - 20	20 - CON KARANIKOLOS

SYDNEY UNITED v HEIDELBERG UNITED

GAME STATISTICS (premiership matches only)

CCSL CAREER RECORD

P W D L F A

Sydney United: 254 109 66 79 348 306

Heidelberg United: 395 150 114 131 542 521

Sydney United HOME RECORD: 128 62 31 35 199 151

Heidelberg AWAY RECORD: 197 51 64 82 230 292

HEAD TO HEAD: Played 10, Sydney 3, Heidelberg 4, Drawn 3

FORM GUIDE: What can you say about this young Sydney United side. Off all teams they had the toughest start to the draw, drawing South Melbourne and Marconi in the first two rounds. However there tremendous League Cup form continued into the premiership defeating both teams by the odd goal. Against Marconi last week, they produced a stirring second half performance scoring three goals to win 3-2. Manis Lamond sparked the team into action and two goals from Young Soccerroo Ante Milicic put United alone on top of the table. Heidelberg had a weeks break but in their first game of the season against Marconi they were unlucky not to get full points having to settle for a 2-2 draw. In their previous five meetings in Sydney, Heidelberg have had good success, winning two and drawing two.

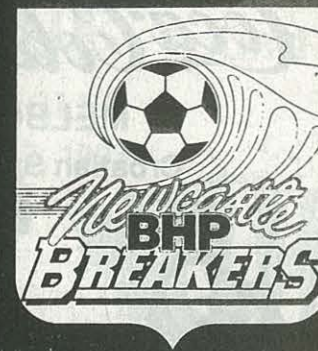
SCENARIO: Sydney's coach Manfred Schaefer will be hoping his young brigade don't get too carried away with their impressive start. He knows there is still a long way to go and that there are no easy games. Lamond will have done enough to earn a start this week and his speed and skill will be a headache for the Bergers defence. Heidelberg will play it close with nothing to flashy in their play. Lot of experienced players in their side but I don't feel they will be able to hold off the youth and exuberance of United.



COCA - COLA MATCH OF THE WEEK

WEST ADELAIDE v NEWCASTLE BREAKERS

Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide - Sunday November 7, 1993 - 7.30 pm.



GAME STATISTIC (premiership matches only) CCSL CAREER RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A
West Adelaide:	345	109	73	163	410	532
Newcastle Breakers:	54	18	16	20	70	73
West Adelaide HOME RECORD:	174	73	34	67	245	229
Newcastle Breakers AWAY RECORD:	27	8	7	12	33	40

HEAD TO HEAD:

Played 4, Sharks 0, Newcastle 3,
Drawn 1

FORM GUIDE: West Adelaide's only game to date saw then produce one of the best second half performances you will ever want to see, thrashing Melbourne Brunswick 5-0 led by Soccerroo Stan Laziridis, the Sharks played some great attacking football to show they are in for a big season this year. Assistant coach Adrian Santrac will be in charge while Raul Blanco is helping Australia reach the World Cup (confident) and his CCSL experience will be a big

PETER BLAZINCIC - 1
JIM KERAMIDAS - 2
FRANK TIBALDI - 3
GREG MILLS - 4
ROBERT HOOKER - 5
CON KOKKINOPLITIS - 6
RAYMOND BLAIR - 7
GUSTAV CERRO - 8
GEORGE SLIFKAS - 9
MARK BRAZZALE - 10
GREG BROWN - 11
JIM TSEKINIS - 12
RICHIE ALAGICH - 13
LEMMYVATSIAS - 14
- 15
JOSE IRIARTE - 16
- 17
- 18
- 19
TONY GIANNASCA - 20

RESULT SCORERS



1 - CLINT GOSLING
2 - RALPH MAIER
3 - ANDRW ROBERTS
4 - DARREN STEWART
5 - MARK JONES
6 - GRAHAM JENNINGS
7 - BOBBY NAUMOV
8 - JOHN McQUARRIE
9 - ROD BROWN
10 - WARREN SPINK
11 - DAVID LOWE
12 - NEIL OWENS
13 - SCOTT WELLS
14 - HOWARD TREDINNICK
15 - TROY HALPIN
16 - NICK MEREDITH
17 -
18 -
19 -
20 -



TEAM COLOURS
BLUE SHIRT
WHITE SHORTS
BLUE SOCKS
COACH : RAUL BLANCO



TEAM COLOURS
SKY BLUE SHIRT
SKY BLUE SHORTS
BLUE SOCKS
COACH : JIM FOLEY

plus.

Newcastle recovering from their Round 1 loss to Wollongong by defeating Sydney Olympic 3-2 last week, but had to survive a late surge by the visitors after being 3-0 up. In four games they have played, the Sharks has yet to win any while Newcastle has scored three victories.

SCENARIO: Laziridis will be away on Soccerroo duty, but the Sharks have a good squad and will be hard to beat at home. Newcastle can be thankful that Warren Spink has found his goalscoring touch early (3 goals) and will prove a handful for the Sharks defence. Newcastle have so far ran out of puff towards the end so a big improvement on fitness will be needed if they are going to be competitive this season. The Sharks to score their first win over Newcastle but only by one.

Coca-Cola SOCCER LEAGUE - Round 3

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS v MARCONI - FAIRFIELD

Croatian Sports Centre, Melbourne - Sunday November 7, 1993



**MELBOURNE
KNIGHTS**

FIRST GRADE 5.45 pm.

TEAM COLOURS
RED SHIRT
WHITE SHORTS
BLUE SOCKS
COACH : MIRKO BAZIC

DAVID MILLER - 1
VINKO BULJABASIC - 2
FAUSTO DI AMICIS - 3
MARK TALAJIC - 4
STEVE HORVAT - 5
ANDREW MARTH - 6
MARK SILIC - 7
JOSIP BISKIC - 8
OLIVER PONDELJAK - 9
ZORAN TRAJCEVSKI - 10
ADRIAN CERVINSKI - 11
VAUGHAN COVENEY - 12
DAVID CERVINSKI - 13
ANTE JURIC - 14
DAMIEN VOJTEK - 15
KRUNOSLAV RAZOV - 16
DAMIR GRGANOVIC - 17
- 18
- 19
FRANK JURIC - 20

TEAM COLOURS
GREEN SHIRT
WHITE SHORTS
RED SOCKS
COACH : FRANK AROK

1 - MARK SCHWARZER
2 - GEORGE JOLEVSKI
3 - J. PAUL DE MARIGNY
4 - MATTHEW BINGLEY
5 - IAN GRAY
6 - GLAGOJA KULESKI
7 - ANDREA ICARDI
8 - ERMANNO PELUCCHI
9 - KIMON TALIADOROS
10 - STEVE CORICA
11 - ANDREW HARPER
12 - MICHAEL SMITH
13 - UFUK TALAY
14 - GARY VAN EGMOND
15 - LUKE CASSERLY
16 - FABIO MACOLINO
17 - JONATHAN ANGELUCCI
18 - TOM MCCULLOCH
19 - DARREN IOCCA
20 - TONY PEZZANO



MELBOURNE KNIGHTS V MARCONI
GAME STATISTICS (premiership matches only)

CCSL CAREER RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Melbourne Knights:	254	113	61	80	366	324
Marconi Fairfield:	448	214	105	129	788	529
Knights HOME RECORD:	128	65	27	36	197	142
Marconi AWAY RECORD:	223	94	51	78	360	386



HEAD TO HEAD: Played 14, Knights 7, Marconi, 5 Draw 2

FORM GUIDE: Melbourne Knights have goalkeeper David Miller to thank for their point against Parramatta last weekend saving a last penalty. They also were reduced to ten men for quite some time, so did extremely well to get the draw. Coach Mirko Razic has his squad working well together and will be desperate to knock off pre-season favourites Marconi. Marconi coach Frank Arok must be pulling his hair out with his sides start to the year. After a lucky draw with Heidelberg in Round 1, the Fairfielders looked the goods in the first half against Sydney United. But United hit them for six in the second half, leading 3-1 with only minutes to go before Gray made it 3-2. Marconi's record in Melbourne is not the best especially the last few seasons having suffered heavy defeats, 6-0 (1990/91) and 4-0 (1992/93).

SCENARIO: Melbourne's record speaks for itself, while they have given new coach Razic the start he was looking for. Marconi seemed too run out of puff in the second half which helped United to victory. Have a few players returning from injury, so will want to play the game at their pace and not let the Knights dictate terms. The Knights experienced players in Biskic, Marth and Talajic have been in good form and will be the key in their sides fortunes this season. Arok will once again be without Soccerroo Steve Corica but with such a multi-talented squad, has a good back up ready for action. Arok also knows main rivals South Melbourne and Adelaide City, will have games in hand and he will want to be well clear of them when they resume playing so win he must.

Coca-Cola SOCCER LEAGUE - Round 3

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v PARRAMATTA EAGLES

Leichhardt Oval, Sydney - Sunday November 7, 1993



TEAM COLOURS
BLUE SHIRT
BLUE SHORTS
BLUE SOCKS
COACH : BERTI MARIANI

MIKE GIBSON - 1
DAVID BARRETT - 2
ELIAS AUGERINOS - 3
TONY SPYRIDAKOS - 4
ROBERT IRONSIDE - 5
BRAD MALONEY - 6
JOE CALETA - 7
BRANKO MILOSEVIC - 8
IVAN KELIC - 9
KRIS TRAJANOVSKI - 10
PETER TSEKENIS - 11
NORMAN TOME - 12
GEORGE SORRAS - 13
PABLO CARDOZO - 14
GRANT LEE - 15
EVANGELOS PETRATOS - 16
JOSE MENDEZ - 17
- 18
- 19
GARY MEIER - 20

SYDNEY OLYMPIC V PARRAMATTA EAGLES

GAME STATISTICS (premiership matches only)

CCSL CAREER RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Sydney Olympic:	422	165	120	137	585	501
Parramatta Eagles:	134	45	42	47	157	167
Sydney Olympic HOME RECORD:	212	94	61	57	308	224
Parramatta AWAY RECORD:	67	17	26	24	74	93



TEAM COLOURS
WHITE SHIRT
WHITE SHORTS
WHITE SOCKS
COACH : RALE RASIC

1 - PETER GUNNING
2 - ADAM CIANTAR
3 - GLEN GWYNNE
4 - GERRY GOMEZ
5 - JOHN KOCH
6 - NICK ORLIC
7 - CRAIG MOFFITT
8 - GABRIEL MENDEZ
9 - MARSHALL SOPER
10 - JOE SPITERI
11 - GEOFF GUNNING
12 - GLENN SPROD
13 - WALTER ARDONE
14 - JASON FALZON
15 - ZOKI ADIOSKI
16 - ANDREW DOWLING
17 - TOM HAYTHORNTHWAITE
18 - TONY JOSEVSKI
19 - BRENDAN RENAUD
20 - JASON HOLMES



HEAD TO HEAD: Played 10, Olympic 4, Parramatta 4, Drawn 2

FORM GUIDE: Both teams have fairly indifferent starts to the premiership season. Olympic have not been very impressive despite one win and one loss. Were looking down the barrel of a big defeat at Newcastle but an inspired last twenty minutes saw Olympic claw back to within a goal, finally going down 3-2. Parramatta have been unable to reproduce their League Cup winning form having to settle for two draws so far. Last weekend they should have taken all three points against Melbourne Knights who were reduced to ten men in the early part of the second half. A missed penalty near the end has now put the Eagles behind the eight-ball in the early stages and not the start they needed. Have played 10 times with 4 wins a piece, however Olympic have not beat the Eagles at home since the initial season of summer soccer in 1989/90.

SCENARIO: Neither side will want to lose this game as they will lose valuable ground on the leaders. These two typically provide a very entertaining game so won't be one to miss. Olympic's new signing Olyroo Brad Maloney will more than likely start this week after impressing when he came on as sub in Newcastle should give the Olympic attack some more direction and bite. The Eagles have gone off the boil, but knowing Rale Rasic and Marshall Soper they will have the lads pumped up and with the possible return of Aytec Genc who is back in training, the Eagles could well open their account for 1993/94.

NURTURING SOCCER IN THE ILLAWARRA

South Coast soccer legends Peter Wilson, Adrian Alston and Max Tolson shared many full caps during their international careers.

Since those heady representative days of the 1970's appearances in the senior national team from Illawarra born players has been non-existent.

ROBERT WHEATLEY, investigates the newly established pathway to the top for young players centred at Brandon Park aimed at reversing this trend.



N.S.W. Soccer Federation

invites applications for the following positions in its Academy Programme:

POSITION 1: COACH -

GIRLS UNDER 11-13 DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

QUALIFICATIONS: Minimum Level 2. Teaching experience an advantage. Ability to demonstrate essential.

TRAINING SCHEDULE: Training twice per week plus four weekends.

POSITION 2: ASSISTANT COACH -

GIRLS UNDER 16 DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

to play in the Womens State League First Grade. QUALIFICATIONS: Minimum Level 2. Played at State or National level an advantage.

COACHING SCHEDULE: Training forty weeks per year and some weekends. Prepared to take charge of the team within 12 months.

POSITION 3: COACH -

UNDER 13-15 DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

QUALIFICATIONS: Minimum Level 2. Teaching and playing experience would be an advantage.

COACHING SCHEDULE: Coach twice per week for forty weeks of the year.

POSITION 4: COACH -

UNDER 12-13 JUNIOR ACADEMY

QUALIFICATIONS: Minimum Level 3. Ability to demonstrate is essential. Preferably available school holidays and have experience in coaching this age group. Teaching physical education or sports science is an advantage. Knowledge of computers is essential.

COACHING SCHEDULE: Three sessions per week plus one day per month.

Apply in writing with qualifications and experience advising the positions you are interested in to:

Director of Coaching
N.S.W. Soccer Federation,
235-257 Meurants Lane
PARKLEA NSW 2155

The inclusion of soccer in the Illawarra Academy of Sport took place officially last month.

The 18 recipients of the program with an average age of 12 years 9 months, were introduced as the first ever soccer scholarship holders.

The aim of the Academy is to provide opportunities for young athletes to develop their sporting skills and citizenship status as they progress to higher levels within their sport.

Soccer co-ordinator Richard Evans holds responsibility for planning sessions and integrating soccer into the Academy's overall objectives.

"Over 200 hours a year are devoted to qualify coaching and individual training with specialist sessions in nutrition, sport psychology, injury prevention and media skills," Evans confirmed.

"This is in addition to time spent in competitive games." In one of his other capacities as Wollongong Wolves Youth coach Evans is quick to acknowledge that finally a recognisable pathway has been forged.

"The road to the top is now more structured."

"We have a definite youth development policy with approval for ITC's (Intensive Training Centres) to operate from our Wollongong headquarters.

"A player living in a watershed area extending from Helensburgh to the Far South Coast and inland to the Southern Highlands can be identified."

"He can then enter the Academy and progress through the junior development squad to Youth level (15-16 years) and eventually to the

Wolves Youth Squad."

Throughout that six to seven years process the doors are opened for access to representative sides as Illawarra Academy of Sport Director Garth McKeen highlights.

"The program is structured so that players will progress through the state Under 13, 14 or 15 representative sides, gain selection into the NSW Academy of Sport or one of soccer's very successful youth squads at national level."

McKeen also spoke excitedly about the acquisition of Natural Gas as soccer's new sponsor.

"The squad and the program have been generously supported by Natural Gas for a 3 year period which proves added security to the continuity of the program."

In partnership with Nowra based coach Ray Tweedie Evans is searching for more Matthew Horsley's and Sasha Dimovski's who will eventually wear the Wolves first team jersey.

It ensures they utilise venues throughout the Illawarra region including training sessions and games in Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, Shoalhaven and the Southern Highlands.

As the Academy has grown in its 6 year history it has produced 162 NSW and 28 Australian representatives. These representatives have emerged from cricket, rugby league, hockey and netball to name a few of the sports in the program. With a lower intake age than all other sports soccer may have to be more patient in evaluating its impact on the representative scene.

But according to Richard Evans you may like to lock the names of Carr, Quin, Aldridge and Asanovic into your notebooks for the future. Certainly the structure now exists for green and gold to return to the Illawarra.

PRODUCT REVIEW: ShinPro Shinguards A Real Aussie Winner

It's always nice to review a new Australian made product, and even more so when it becomes a positive review.

When I spoke to Albion's Andrew Fewtrell about his company's new shinguard I had the reservations born from years of scepticism. After all I had been forced, like all other players, to wear the damned things.

To have these lumps around my legs which constantly rode up and down, which reduced my legs to slabs of sweat and which didn't give even the slightest protection.

In short, shinguards, to me, were a nuisance.

Enter Real ShinPro.

First of all I put the guards on the ground and then jumped all over them - THAT would sort them out. But it didn't, instead they retained their shape and looks, not even a mark.

Next I put them on and when for a 5 K run. Amazingly they didn't even shift the slightest.

No sweat, and what's more - if I am totally honest - once I started running I didn't even feel that I had them on.

Now that is a shinguard!

Made from a material which Albion call "space age" they have a honeycomb look.

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A winner, so far.

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Bruce Campbell

Enter - Another Cup

The ASF is set to introduce another cup competition to be known as the Charity Cup.

The format will be similar to that used in England and will feature the winners of the League Cup (Parramatta Eagles) and either this years Premier club or last years Champions.

The exact make up will be decided shortly and the game is set to be played in between the last League Round and the start of the Play Offs, on the weekend of April 3rd/4th. The ASF has also set down Sunday May 1st as the date for the 1993/94 Grand Final with May 8th set aside for a possible replay.

Happy Birthday

to all CCSL stars who celebrate their birthdays over the next week. Cheers!

4th Mirko Jurilj (Sydney United),

5th Jim Karakyriakos (South Melbourne), Mate Novokmet (Eagles)

6th Robert Davies (Wollongong), Tom Haritos (South Melbourne)

7th Sasho Dimoski (Wollongong), Rhys Hill (South Melbourne),

9th Michael Golegos (South Melbourne), 10th Arthur Kriaris (South Melbourne)



Ready To Stake a Claim

One of the young players waiting in the wings at Melbourne Knights for his chance is Ante Juric, the Coca-Cola Young Soccerroo and former Canberra Metro.

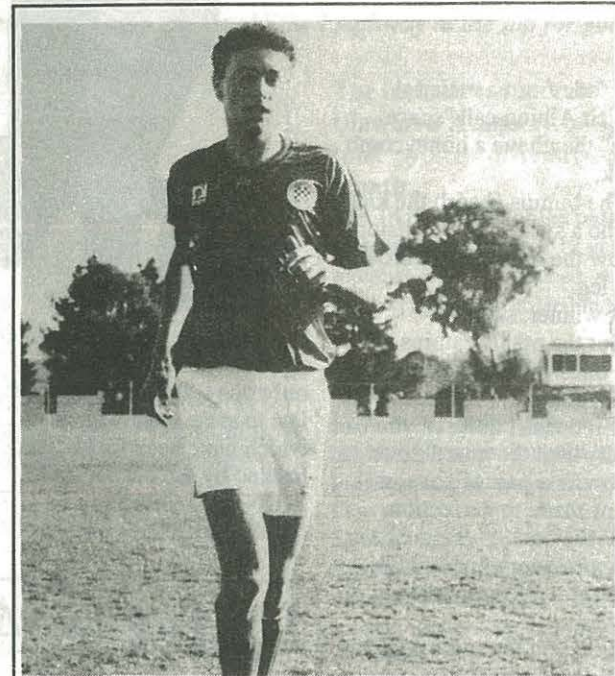
Juric is on loan from his Canberra club which seems reluctant to follow the same mistake that it did a few years away with the bargain sale of Ned Zelic – a player with whom Juric has been often compared.

"I think that comparison is more because we come from the same club, are both tall and both play sweeper," says the youngster.

Juric certainly has the ability to go much further in the game but he often seems to lack confidence.

When Australian assistant coach Vic Fernandez was in charge at Canberra he rated Juric very highly, giving him his first team break at the expense of other more credentialed players.

And despite missing out on the Coca-Cola Young Soccerroos' trip to Venezuela,



ANTE JURIC: in his Canberra playing days

Juric was called into the squad against Brazil in the SBS Challenge.

Good displays during that series were enough to earn him a place in the team for

the World Youth Cup but somehow he never really played to his best.

At times Juric looked hesitant at the back, often finding himself wrong footed by speedier opponents.

Nevertheless, he always looked good going forward.

Now Juric has just as big a fight on his hands to claim a place in the Knights' senior side, but club officials are confident that the Canberra youngster has the talent to make the big breakthrough.

"We have a lot of faith in him," said a club official.

"Melbourne Knights have not brought him all the way down from Canberra to play in the youth side and I think that by the mid part of the season he will have forced his way into a regular place in the first team."

Battling the Soccerroo Blues

Many former Australian internationals had that knowing look after the opening Round of the CCSL, the look that lets everyone know that they had seen it all before.

But even before a ball was kicked in the League proper former Soccerroo captain Johnny Warren was warning of the effects of having players involved on national duty.

"I know what it is like," said Warren.

"When we were on our way to Munich in 1974 St George was having a dreadful season – yet we had so many players in the national team."

Some might consider that players in the Australian team would be at the peak of their current form but Warren, now a TV presenter with SBS, is quick to point out the psychological disadvantages.

"Whether the players admit it or not, they are all thinking about the big one coming up."

"Maybe they pull out of a tackle just that little bit, maybe they don't go for a ball as hard as they could, but whatever there is always a fall off in form."

Warren was airing his views in the company of two others who combine a bank of experience – former national coach Frank Arok and iron-man Manfred Schaefer.

All three were unanimous on the effect of 'national team blues', even down to a drop in form when the players return.

"It's understandable," said Schaefer.

"It's a big anti-climax after playing for your country."

Adelaide City coach Zoran Matic has a mountain of a task to bring his players back down to earth after the games against Argentina and he has to do so with the disadvantage of that lost three points against the Knights.

young stars of AUSSIE SOCCER

MARK VIDUKA

interviewed by MIKE KOMADINA

PLAYER STATS

Name: Mark VIDUKA

Club: Melbourne Knights

Position: Striker

Date of Birth: 9.10.75

Place of Birth: Melbourne

Time at club: 6 months

Previous club: Australian Institute of Sport

First CCSL goal: 1992/93 v Preston (my CCSL debut – I scored twice)

THE FOOTBALL FILE

Who gave you your first big break in soccer?

Australian Institute of Sport

Who helped you most in your early development?

My father again.

What do you remember of your CCSL debut?

I was very nervous.

What is the most memorable match you have ever played in?

Definitely my debut for Melbourne Knights when I scored twice.

What is the best goal you have ever scored?

None in particular stand out.

What do you like most about playing CCSL football?

My club, Melbourne Knights, they are the greatest.

Who is your most difficult opponent?

Velimir Kupresak (Sydney United).

What is your biggest disappointment?

Not being able to play in the 1993 National Youth League final.

And your worst injury to date?

A pulled hamstring.

How do you rate your club's finals' chances?

Good.

Who is the most exciting player at your club?

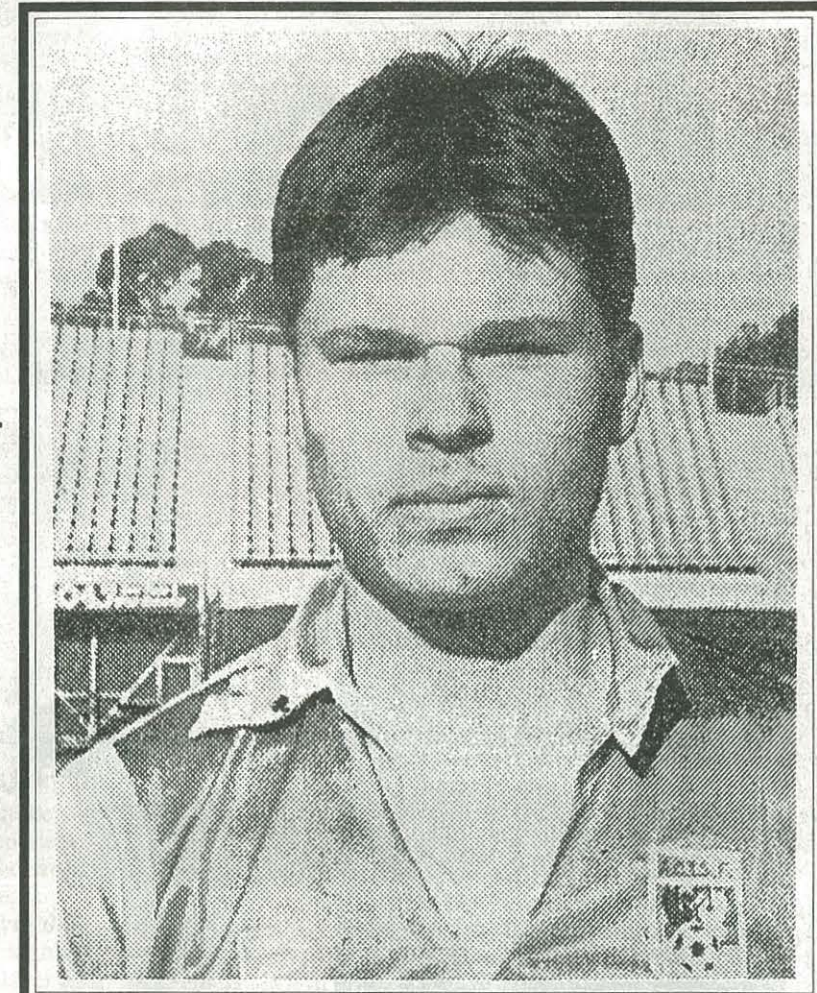
Steve Horvat.

Which other player in the CCSL do you admire the most?

Steve Corica, from Marconi.

What are your aspirations of playing for the Coca-Cola Soccerroos?

I'd like to play in the 1998 World Cup finals in France.



THE PERSONALITY FILE

What kind of music do you like? Croatian music.

Who is your favourite local band or singer? Major Minor.

What is your favourite local nightspot? The Croatian Dom in Melbourne.

What do you think of Aussie soapies? I love Paradise Beach – they have the best actors.

Any favourite shows or actors? World Soccer.

Have you seen any good movies lately? No.

What is your favourite food? Pizza.

Which is your favourite part of Australia? The Gold Coast.

Who are your best friends? My former AIS team-mates.

Miscellaneous dislikes? Getting up early in the morning.

What are your future ambitions? To play international soccer.

What would you be doing now if you weren't a Young Aussie Soccer Star? I'd be a comedian.

Red Star Treatment Pays Off

Already it seems that the training methods imposed by Heidelberg coach Dragoon Sekularac are beginning to pay off.

The former Red Star Belgrade legend insisted on a tough pre-season campaign aimed at raising his side's general fitness level.

"All our early work was without the ball," said Sekularac.

"Now we can concentrate on other areas of play."

Seki had a chance to expand that department courtesy of a week off because of his club's postponed game with Adelaide City. Now his charge have the chance to keep the maestro's unbeaten run intact when they travel to Sydney United on Sunday.





Morwell Falcons might have pulled off one of the surprise signings of the season when they snatched John Markovski (pictured in his Preston days) from under Adelaide City, but that counted for nothing with Jonesy sitting out a one match suspension for his new club's Round 2 game against Brisbane Strikers last weekend.

"I was fizzing," said Falcons boss Bobby McLachlan.

"I don't think that John warranted his sending off against Sydney Olympic but what made it even worse was when I switched on the telly to watch the game between Sydney United and South Melbourne.

"When Anastasiadis upended Milicic in the box it was clearly a foul, but the South Melbourne keeper got away with it – and big John got sent off for less.

"There has to be a lot more consistency in the CCSL – I was very, very angry."

However, McLachlan's temper cooled down as soon as he saw the roof going onto the Falcon's new grandstand.

"It's like the Sydney Opera House," said McLachlan, "it has really cheered me up."

Baby Blue set for big future

by
Mike Komadina

South Melbourne coach Jim Pyrgolios didn't leave Edensor Park with any surprises after his side's opening loss to Sydney United in Round 1 of the CCSL.

"No, I knew we were in for a tough time after playing Sydney United in the League Cup, and that's exactly how it turned out," said Pyrgolios.

"But that doesn't mean I was happy with the game.

"I have to be disappointed anytime that we lose but I was also upset with some of our players – they just didn't do enough running.

"Some of our key players, the ones I expect more from, let themselves down in that game.

"But Wade and Durakovic both played well."

Wade had been expected to play in a centre back role but was instead allowed to operate in his Coca-Cola Socceroo position of right midfield.

And the fact that he revelled in his more accustomed role, despite going down to Sydney

United, would suggest that South Melbourne will keep the former Aussie skipper in the midfield.

South Melbourne had a break last weekend from League duties because of Socceroo commitments.

For the Melbourne giants that break gave them the opportunity to re-assess their playing strengths and come up a solution to the defensive problem.

"We've now got a three week break to sort it out," says the coach who was a legend during his own playing career in Greece and Melbourne.

One of the younger players expected to be part of Pyrgolios's plans this season is young defender, Mike Valkanis.

With just three CCSL games to his credit the young back lacks that experience which is now a trademark of the rest of the side.

Nevertheless, Pyrgolios rates his potential highly.

"Valkanis is a player with big potential to be a key player at this club.

"I need to push him into the team slowly, but he is a very promising player for the future."

Cool Pumas

CCSL new guys, Melbourne Brunswick United, are sporting their new strips – courtesy of Puma, the sportswear giants.

Brunswick's new strip is made from a fabric called Cool-Max which is ideal for the summer competition because it reduces clinging.

Club officials claim that another advantage is that the body hugging design will reduce the potential of shirt tugging. Shirt tugging in the CCSL? – Never!

No Pushover

McGeachey says that CCSL newcomers will be competitive

by Angelo Sticca

Archie McGeachey started his soccer career in Scotland when he was signed from school by the then Aberdeen manager, Alex Ferguson. McGeachey had already played for his country at Under 16 level but his failure to break into the Aberdeen first team saw him move along to lesser lights, Morton – the one-time club of Morwell Falcons coach, Bobby McLachlan.

Although he still never managed to become a first team regular, McGeachey gained his biggest football thrill in his time at Greenock – a 3-2 cup win over the mighty Glasgow Rangers.

Box Hill brought McGeachey to Australia at a time when the Hillmen were a power in Victorian soccer.

After an impressive time with Box Hill McGeachey was signed by Heidelberg United.

McGeachey's stay with the Bergers was shortened when he was cut from the playing roster. But after being snapped up by Croydon City he was signed by present club, Melbourne Brunswick.

"I think we have a good enough squad to be competitive," said McGeachey in response to the early press criticism that the team has attracted.

"Brunswick will be no pushover this season."



McGEACHEY, Archie
Born: 26.11.69
CCSL Source: Croydon City (prev. Morton, Scotland)

Debut: v West Adelaide (0-5) 24.10.93

Former Clubs:
Aberdeen (Scotland)
Morton (Scotland)

Box Hill
Hedielberg United
Croydon City

Position:
wide playing
midfielder/winger
Favourite Australian player:
Paul Trimboli
Most Promising Teammate:
David Iacovitti

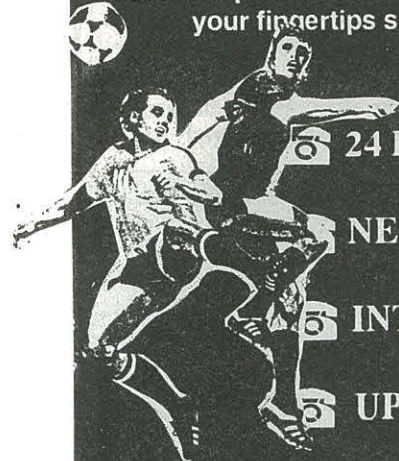
McGeachey also sees the future strength of the club in the young players on its books – players like Iacovitti, Mihocic and Androulakis who he sees as the champions of tomorrow.

In the meantime the man who broke into pro football at Pittodrie is looking forward to CCSL football as the Pumas begin to gel under master coach John Margaritis.

teammate at Brunswick,
Sean Lane

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The Brazilians of Australia

by
John Glen

Over the last few months there has been increasing speculation that South Melbourne skipper Paul Wade might be ready to call it a day.

His axing from the Coca-Cola Socceroo team against New Zealand certainly added fuel to that fire.

Then in more recent weeks Wade was moved into the back four with the Blues to fill the centre back spot left open by the forced retirement of Steve Blair.

But for the pundits ready to

"That's the first time anyone has called me Brazilian!" - Paul Wade talks about the midfield situation at Melbourne, and his place in the Aussie team

write him off Wade has this message; "No Way!"

Paul Wade issued this statement loud and clear, that he has no intentions of retiring from club football or national team duty.

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"Retire," laughs Wade, "they'll have to carry me out first - and I mean feet first."

South Melbourne have got off to a slow start in the CCSL and already there has been media talk about problems at the club, problems of poor player selection with the Blues having a surplus of midfielders and a deficit of good defenders.

Wade is quick to spring to the defence of the Victorian giants.

"I would have to say that there isn't a problem.

"It's one of those things where we are playing some really great football but we



AWARITEFE: Magic

tend to get too confident and get carried away.

"Because of that we leave ourselves exposed at the back.

"That happened to us against Sydney United when we were playing some really nice football.

"But Sydney United will catch a lot of teams like that this season."

Wade reacts to criticisms of his team, criticisms that label it 'Brazilian' because it only knows how to go forward, with a bit of a giggle.

"That's the first time anyone has ever called me Brazilian - the way I go around kicking lumps out of people!"

"But maybe we are, we



MATURITY: Paul Wade has come to grips with life for the Blues and Oz

have the Awaritefes who can do that little bit of magic, the Trimmers, the Con Boutsianis.

"Maybe we should be nicknamed the Brazilians of Australian soccer."

Wade has also managed to keep his sense of humour in regard to his own position. He laughs off the problems of having too many midfielders.

"A problem? It is for me - I'm out now, I'm a centre back!

"It's hard to take, but South Melbourne have been really good with me, allowing me



STYLE: Paul Trimboli

to play the pre-season in midfield to help me keep in touch with the Australian squad."

Again, Wade has received

flak for putting the Blues under pressure in making that choice, but with the same sure footed stride he uses to knock a midfield pass, Wade fields an easy answer.

"Hey, if I had to think for the rest of my life that I missed a chance to play

against Maradona because I had to play centre-back for South Melbourne, then that is a hell of a long time."

But once the second leg against Argentina is over Paul Wade will settle down to play his heart out for his club - in any position that coach Jim

Putting A Lid On It

Morwell Falcons look set to complete their new grandstand within the next week.

"Falcons will have one of the best soccer grandstands in Australia," said club Marketing Manager, Ray McCluskey.

"When it is completed it will be compact and an intimidating soccer arena for visiting teams.

"Supporters will virtually sit on top of the players and have unequalled views of all the action from all points in the new stand."

The roofing of the grandstand is part of the drive that Morwell Falcons have undertaken to secure their future in the CCSL.

This season sees the end of the agreement the club has with the League to guarantee its status and from the end of the current campaign it must abide by the same relegation rules as the other clubs.

"The transformation that has taken place in the ground will surprise and delight connoisseurs of soccer" says McCluskey.

"We are striving to improve the facilities at the club and expect the work to be complete within the next two weeks."

A black and white collage of various sports equipment. At the top, there's a basketball, a soccer ball, a tennis racket, a golf club, and a baseball bat. Below these, there are several pairs of shoes, including sneakers and boots. A baseball glove is also visible. The items are arranged in a dynamic, overlapping fashion, suggesting a variety of sports and activities.

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Hoping For A Strike With The Wolves

Silic is rumoured to be wanting to move to a Sydney Club.

The smell of new paint hung heavily in the air as the Stadium exterior was spruced up and the national team had the luxury of training on the newly re-laid turf.

Big Al Wants To Play On

by
Ray Gatt
of the *Australian*

Two months ago likeable rogue and knockabout Alan Hunter was considering pulling the plug on his 11 year career in the CCSL.

Incredibly, for the first time ever, the usually confident and direct Brisbane Strikers defender seriously wondered about his future in the game and whether Queensland would have a side in the CCSL.

"There were all sorts of problems at the time," he explained to *Simply Soccer*.

"Along with a lot of others I didn't know if there would be a club and the thought crossed my mind that I would have to hang up the boots.

"But, the turnaround (in

fortunes) has been amazing since the new regime took over.

"These guys are brilliant. Everyone from the top to the smallest person knows exactly what they are doing.

"It certainly has given me the incentive to carry on because now I can see a future for national league football in Brisbane.

Now in his 12th season in Australian soccer's premier competition, Hunter says he is as keen as the day he started playing in the League with Brisbane Lions in 1983.

"I'm still enjoying the game because every year there is a new challenge," he said.

"There is such a good feeling at this club and I know I still have a great deal to offer."

A former *Coca-Cola* Soccerroo, Hunter, 29, is

looking fitter than ever, though he is still overcoming the effects of a virus, which laid him low for five days recently.

He is approaching his 250th game in the League and claims to have had as many clubs "as Jack Nicklaus".

This is his third season back in Brisbane after stints with Parramatta Eagles, Sydney United and Heidelberg.

Hunter is optimistic about the Strikers' prospects this season under new coach Bruce Stowell.

"We've got a good squad with a terrific blend of youth and experience," he says.

"Bruce has been terrific.

"He is well organised and very disciplined and has us all thinking the same way.

"I know a lot of the so-called experts are tipping us to finish near the bottom but I think they are in for a real surprise.

"We were a little stiff against Parramatta the other week and I believe we can be a force this season.

"Don't be surprised to see us finish up with the best of them."

Hunter says he has set himself a number of goals this season.

"Firstly I want to play every game, secondly I'd love to finish with a medal because I have never won anything in the League and, finally, I want to have a good season and help the club to build for

Great Odds

The odds against Brisbane Strikers winning the Championship published in an earlier issue of *Simply Soccer* have drawn considerable interest in the north.

"I know a guy who wants to get \$1,000 on the Strikers making the play offs," said Pat Hanson.

"100-1, that is real good value."

Good value it might be now, but just four weeks ago when Brisbane were facing the new season they were a club in turmoil - new coach, mass sackings and a new board.

It's good to see the Strikers getting it together.

the future on and off the field," he said.

There is no doubt Hunter is good for Australian soccer and, particularly, the Brisbane Strikers.

He has a tremendous sense of humour and can be relied upon to promote harmony within the club.

Though he can now be regarded in the veteran class, Hunter says his enthusiasm for the game is not wanting.

"Bruce has been good with me," he said.

"He wants me to stick with the job I know best - being an out and out centre half.

"Over the last couple of seasons I have been impersonating a striker and that is not my go."

As for the future, Alan is keen to continue playing although there is one catch.

"I'll keep playing as long as my family lets me," he said.

"My family are very important to me.

"If my wife Helen was to say to me that it was time to give it away then I would have to seriously look at it."

Hopefully, Helen can see that the Big Man still has at least three or four seasons left in him.

Hannah Signs For Morwell

Morwell Falcons beat the transfer deadline to sign up George Hannah in time for the clash with Brisbane Strikers last weekend - but only just.

"George was keen to come to Morwell and is also out to prove that he isn't finished in the CCSL," said Falcons coach, Bobby McLachlan.

"We needed that bit of extra cover at the back and I am sure that George Hannah will do a job for us both on and off the field.

"He is super fit, and just bursting to do the job on the park." Hannah is a 220+ game veteran of the CCSL and has been signed on loan from Melbourne Knights.



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Blatter That

We have one of the great weapons available to soccer in this country sitting on our doorstep and we don't use it.

Sepp Blatter is one of the two most powerful men in the soccer world and his daughter is living in Sydney.

Why doesn't the ASF invite her to be a member of the Board of Commissioners or at least act in some capacity.

Her influence would be absolutely huge; think of the sponsorship dollars that her influence would help to bring in.

I don't think that Coca-Cola would then ever think of leaving soccer for Rugby League.

What do you think?

'John'
Leightonfield
NSW

(Personally, I find it hard enough to find out who is playing on the weekend to even try to spend time on soccer politics. I also believe that the back-room boys are further down the round than you think - it's just that they don't take the time out to tell anyone.)

Bravo, Diego

I am fed up with all the rubbish being spouted about Maradona.

And most of it stems from the so-called 'Hand of God' goal against England.

I was at the game, I've seen the game on video many times, and I don't think that Diego touched the ball intentionally - it was an accident, and the real culprit was the referee.

For me, Diego Maradona is still the greatest player in the world.

Silvio Antoielli
Merrylands
NSW

(OK, so there are two of you in the world - you and Diego's mum. Everybody else knows that it was the most blatant act of cheating in world cup history. Why else would he have gone in against Shilton with his hand

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upstretched. The only thing on his mind was maybe to punch the England keeper. I've printed the photo to prove my point.

I can't argue about his ball skills though - he must go down as one of

the best of all time. Talking about which, give me Georgie Best



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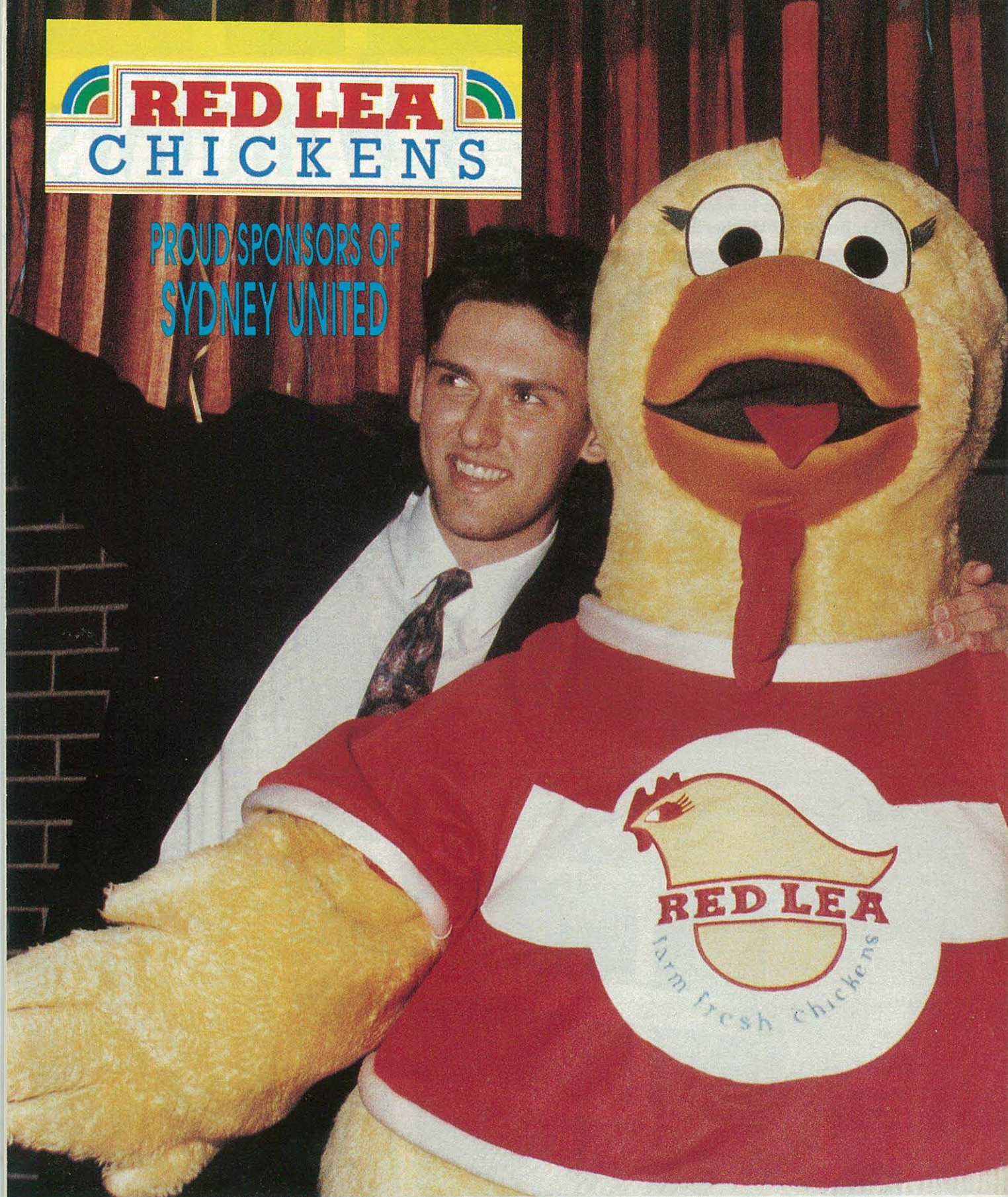
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